

OTTAWA'S CELEBRATION.

In Every Way a Success—A Large Crowd—No Serious Accidents—The Day's Events—The Regatta.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

With a whiz and a bang and a sputter, and all sounds that the craziest man utter, with rockets whirling and trumpets a-toting, and pinwheels fire-girl revolving, with shooting off cannons and thumps, and a burning of fingers, Independence Day comes.

Oh, fender horns that toot louder and louder; Oh, snake waves and small waves of powder; Oh, small boy in the height of elevation; Oh, noise to drive daft all creation; Oh, uproarious, glorious day of the Nation!

—New York Sun.

The poet who gave vent to his feelings in the above pathetic lines was not far from his generalization of Independence Day. It is decidedly the day of days with the people and hence is always enjoyed. It is, in truth, a combination day. It combines all the features of a circus day, with those of a great mass meeting. It is always a signal for the people in "the kentry round about" to lay aside their work and come to town to see how tired they can get, and to what extreme they can go in thinking they are having a really a good time.

Particularly is Independence Day, a day for the boys and girls—for the young men who are just in the midst of callow love and the young ladies who give themselves over to be gently wooed and won. Such people fairly swarm on Independence Day, and utterly oblivious to all their surroundings they lavish their affections upon each other, despite the publicity of the place.

Monday was in every respect an ideal Independence Day. It was so hot that the people sweltered and sweltered, but the heat but necessitated the more colored lemonade and the larger quantities of ice cream. And then, too, it calls for the bringing out of the white dresses on the part of the young ladies, and an Independence Day without white dresses would be an absurdity. It was a gala day for the soda water men and the fizz-whizz of the seductive fountain was heard from earliest morn until late into the night. Give the small boys fire crackers, the little girls torpedoes, and the larger boys and girls soda water with strawberry or lemon syrup and you extend to them enough pleasure to make even the dreariest Independence Day a prolonged delight.

In every respect the celebration in Ottawa was a success. The accidents that occurred were slight ones, the worst being the breaking down in the evening of the Clifton porch at the rear of the Clifton Hotel, from overcrowding, and it gave way in such a manner as to throw the people forward causing no injury except the spraining of an ankle and the fainting of a woman. There was little drunkenness and no boisterous demonstration. At twelve o'clock at night the streets were as quiet as though nothing had occurred throughout the preceding hours.

By early morning the people came pouring into the town from every direction. They rode in wagons, in carriages, in huggies and in road carts. They came by rail, and they trudged in on foot. At the hour of ten at least eight thousand men, women and children were on the streets, and by high noon fifteen thousand jostled and pushed, ate ice cream, drank lemonade, beer and soda, and craned their necks to see just what was going on.

Promptly at ten o'clock the procession appeared on La Salle street and moved south, the city's police force in advance, followed by the Mendota band. Then came Marshal Widener and his aids. Following the Marshal were Co. D, 4th Reg't, Co. B, 6th Reg't, I. N. G., and after them in carriages Mayor Allen, of this city, Mayor Beach, of Morris, Stephen A. Douglass, Jr., the orator of the day, and Rev. W. F. Day, who officiated as chaplain. In the carriages immediately following were a number of prominent citizens and the members of the city council. The second division was under charge of Asst. Marshal Nattinger, and was led by Fitzger's brass band. It consisted of the Ottawa, Peru, Morris and Mendota fire departments. The third and most attractive portion of the procession was under charge of Asst. Marshal Gibson, and was headed by the "White Center band. The feature distinguishing it was the trades exhibition, which excelled anything ever before witnessed in Ottawa. The Pioneer Fire Proof Construction Co. had gone to very great expense and trouble in making their show a creditable one, and they succeeded admirably. They had in line 16 wagons, all decorated in red, white and blue, containing clay in the rough and clay made into the various kinds of the manufactured by them. 102 of their working men accompanied their wagons. The cigar makers of this city not only had men in line to the number of 64, but a large wagon drawn by four horses. In the wagon were a number of men at work making cigars, which were thrown to the people on the streets, causing a good deal of his scrambling. Carried by the men were a number of banners bearing such mottoes as "The Union there is Strength," "Celebrate by Smoking the Union Label Cigar," &c. Cotton, Dawell & Hamilton, of the Victor Roller Mills, had the neatest display of the day. Upon a large platform wagon they had built a pyramid of flour, embracing all the brands made by them. The employees of the mill, dressed in working garb, stood half resting upon the sides of the pyramid, and upon its apex was the younger son of Mr. Cotton, who seemed more unconcerned than the crowds on the sidewalk. Messrs. Risse & Co., H. A. Butler, Burke Bros. and J. P. Flick all had fine grocery displays, and Wm. Degen exhibited the best meats in his establishment. J. E. Porter's agricultural wares were preceded by Yentzer and Dalry, traveling missionaries. A pro-

duced exhibition of the workings of his celebrated hay carrier was given at intervals of a very few minutes. Henry Smetton showed a house built entirely of tin shingles and the Mineral Spring Co. displayed several wagon loads of ginger ale, birch beer and other beverages manufactured out of Santicula spring water. W. E. Rowman was on hand with his photograph car, which is evidently a new one. It is gotten up on the plan of a city mail wagon, and looks as though Rowman had become so attached to the postal service as to be unable to give it up. B. B. Griffith exhibited one of his windmills in motion, and Hill & Formhals showed a fine display of their carriages. Tom McDermott, with his foxes and his fox hounds, caused a good deal of merriment, and called forth some shouting from the small boys. The last portion of the procession was the gravel train, consisting of the teams at work for the city. One contained a number of blocks of stone, with men at work upon them. Upon either side of the wagon were the words, "No more Penitentiary Labor." After passing down La Salle street the procession crossed over on Main to Columbus, going to Washington Park, where the exercises of the day occurred. The prayer was made by Rev. Day, and Mr. Art. Cooley read the Declaration of Independence. Mayor Allen presided, and in a few preliminary remarks, introduced Stephen A. Douglass, Jr., who came from Chicago instead of Hon. Wm. E. Mason, who could not be present. The effort of Mr. Douglass was a very indifferent one, and little betokened the fact that he was the son of the greatest orator Illinois ever produced. Mr. Douglass talked. The word "talked" sums it all up. As Mr. Lincoln once said: "We suppose that for those who like that sort of thing it is the very thing they like." The crowd at the park was very small indeed and evinced but little interest in what was going on.

After the speaking the people employed their time in eating until the sports of the day commenced.

Space will not permit of an account of the details of the racing, shooting and fireman sports. All were watched eagerly and greatly enjoyed. They resulted as follows:

Egg Race.

First prize, Riley, \$5; second, Mahany, \$3; third, divided, Alt and Ayers, \$2.

Hurdle Race.

First prize, Hemmerle, \$5; second, Beck, \$3; third, Abel, \$1.

Potato Race.

First prize, Riley; second, Walter Pierce; third, Cotton.

100 Yard Foot Race.

First prize, Sanford; second, Hegamerle; third, Downey.

Wheel Barrow Race.

First prize, Hemmerle; second, W. Downey; third, Ed. Beck.

Sack Race.

First prize, Ed. Beck; second, Joe Miller; third, Tom Hewes.

Tob Race.

First prize, J. Kiedlespyre; second, C. Kiedlespyre; third, F. Hemmerle.

Slow Male Race.

First prize, F. Leonard; second, Frank Ayers; third, Frank Bailey.

Bicycle Race.

First prize, J. H. Bower; second, Geo. Mickle; third, Harry Mitchell.

Shoot No. 1—5 Macomber metal target.

T. Richardson, won 1st, Miller, Streater, 2d, Morton, Streater, 3d.

Shoot No. 2—5 Peoria blackbirds.

S. Richardson won 1st, Dr. Weiss 2d, T. Richardson 3d.

Shoot No. 3—5 Peoria blackbirds.

T. Richardson and Wilson, divided 1st. Gates, Minoka, won 2d, Hazleton, Morris, 3d.

Shoot No. 1—10 Peoria blackbirds. \$15 added to purse.

Brunnemeyer, Aurora, won 1st, De Stieger, La Salle, 2d, Stols, Streater, and Krouse, Ottawa, divided 3d. R. Nickle, La Salle, won 4th.

Shoot No. 2—10 Macomber metal targets (on account of trap working bad by consent changed to 10 Peoria blackbirds.)

R. Nickle, La Salle, won 1st, Bartholomew and Brunnemeyer, of Aurora, divided 2d, Givekey, Aurora, won 3d, Green, 4th.

Shoot No. 3—Ten shot. 15 Peoria blackbirds (on account of approaching darkness was cut down to 10 birds.)

Fatries—Aurora, Streater, La Salle, Joliet, Ottawa No. 1, and Ottawa No. 2.

Aurora team won 1st, Ottawa No. 2, 2d, Streater and La Salle divided 3d, Ottawa No. 2 won 4th.

Horse Race with Cart—Madison, between Clinton and Columbus streets: Ottawa, 1st prize, \$25; Peru, 2d, \$15. Time: Ottawa, 27 second; Peru, 31 1/2 seconds.

Coupling Contest—Court street, between Main and Madison. Ottawa entered two teams and Peru two teams. Ottawa took 1st and 2d prizes. Time: 18 1/2 sec. and 20 1/2 sec. Peru time, 19 1/2 sec. and 21 sec.

Hatching Contest—Ottawa two prizes: Tom Lysaght, 1st prize; John Esterline, 2d prize.

It was evident, from the manner in which the crowd deserted the streets and moved towards the banks of the Illinois river, that the day's interest centered in the regatta feature of the day's entertainment, which was advertised to occur at four o'clock. At least ten thousand people stood upon the banks of the river waiting for the sport to begin. Shortly after four the barge "Lawrence," carrying a number of the members of the Club with the ladies, Mr. George A. McClellan, of the Farragut Boat Club, Chicago, in command, and who acted as judge, was rowed to the north side of the Illinois, and the boats for the skiff race ordered out.

Five persons from Peru, Ottawa and La Salle participated in it. Throughout it was close, but at the finish was won by D. Even's of Peru.

The single scull race followed. The contestants were J. P. Flemming, of Yoline, L. C. Arp, Toronto, Canada, and Wm. S. C. L. a,

of Peru. Flemming was nearest the judge's boat, next to him was Arp, and on the south side of the course Stedman. The start was a pretty one, but it was soon evident that Flemming would win. His stroke was as steady, easy and even as though he worked by machinery. At no time did he exert himself, and yet when he returned—having gone to the buoy—his shell sped through the water at a very swift rate. Arp, though an excellent sculler, is not the equal of Flemming, and Stedman found both too fast for him. Flemming is one of the best amateur scullers in the west, and the equal of many professionals.

The race next called was the race in which the people were most interested. It was between the two fours of the home Club. Both crews had vigorously practiced during the ten days preceding and had gotten themselves into the best shape possible for an evenly contested race. The crew of No. 1 consisted of C. E. Hook, stroke; T. J. Lynch, 3d; F. E. Mayo, 2d; Chas. Neubert, bow; L. Leland, coxswain. No. 2 crew had in it: G. M. Trimble, stroke; E. C. Allen, jr., 3d; C. Griggs, 2d; R. C. Hill, bow, and E. V. Hobert, coxswain. Both crews appeared in uniform, crew No. 1 having suits of dark blue and crew No. 2 wearing suits of white and buff. All were in good condition and in the best of spirits. The desire to win was uppermost in the minds of the members of both crews, and the knowledge that they were exciting great interest among the people who were watching them was an additional incentive to do their very best.

It was evident that the majority of the crowd watching expected the Hook crew to win, and whatever betting was done was largely on that side. Those who felt confident that crew No. 1 would come in ahead at the finish. Promptly at 5:15 the crews rowed from the boat house, and on the order of Mr. McClellan took their positions, crew No. 1 having drawn the south side of the course and crew No. 2 the north. At the inquiry, "Are you ready?" every oarsman grasped more firmly his oar and put himself in position to get all the advantage of a good start that could possibly be obtained. The word "Go!" was given, and with it two boats shot forward—crew No. 1, taking a quick, short stroke and the members of No. 2, a stroke long and sweeping. But one stroke had been taken by Oarsman Hook, when his oar snapped, broken at the handle and blade. The judge requested a return, and a new oar was substituted. Then it was found that one of the sliding seats of gig No. 1 did not operate right, and that had to be fixed. After this delay everything was at last in readiness—the boats ranged in position and the command "Go!" again given. It was evident from the start that the members of crew No. 1 had determined among themselves to obtain the lead at the outset, and every one of them pulled hard and fast, while crew No. 2, held to the long stroke, which, though not counting as many to the minute, seemed to send their boat along as swiftly. To the turn—three quarters of a mile—the race was close to a degree that heightened the interest of the crowd and made it impossible to tell which would win. The blues were perhaps fifteen feet in the lead at the buoy, but to make their turn they had to go thirty feet further up the river than did the whites; and so when the turn was made it was announced that the whites were ahead, but so close was it that there was no certainty as to who would gain the advantage. Crew No. 2, made the turn without the least delay, and with the same sweeping stroke started on the home course, reserving themselves to make their spurt at the finish. When crew No. 1, made their turn, through a miscalculation, their boat shot over towards the river bank, and instead of gaining anything on their opponents they lost, their boat fouling against the shore. By the time they were righted they could not overtake No. 2, and when the race was finished they were sadly in the rear. The crowd was disappointed that the race was not closer, and when the finish was made but little enthusiasm was manifested. It is evident that there is good material for boat racing among the members of the Club, and they should keep themselves in practice. It is also apparent that the sweeping, long stroke is better for racing along course than is a short, rapid one.

The shell race between the Sylvan four of Moline and the four from Peru was won by the Sylvans, who allowed the Perutes to remain even with them until within a hundred yards of the finish, and then at the words "All pull!" from Stroke Flemming, they shot so far ahead that the oarsmen from Peru concluded that they were hardly equal to the task of keeping up with them. But two skills were in the two-oared skiff race—Messrs. Follet Ball and Will. Snow succeeded in beating the Grant Bros., though the race was close. At seven o'clock the regatta was finished and the river banks deserted. Mr. McClellan, who acted as judge, is deserving of especial praise for the manner in which he discharged the duties of his position. He is himself an excellent oarsman, and as judge he acted most impartially. Neither those who rowed or the people witnessing the race expressed or felt the least dissatisfaction with any of his decisions.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week, by the County Clerk:

August Schwanberger and Mrs. Louisa Dirk.

Hermann Otto Koehler and Johanna Kluhn.

Hans Johnson and Martha Samson.

Robert Caruthers and Mary Ann L. L.

Henry W. Bryant and Charlotte M. C. W.

Edna W. Wang and C. Collins Klet.

Askel W. Uorneland and Martha Anderson. John Morgan and Mary Chovanitz. Theodore K. Holmes and Jessie E. Seley. Michael Hardman and Mary A. Glancy. Anton Waskowick and Sophia Shekirk.

From Dayton.

DAYTON, ILL., JULY 7, 1886.—Our village with the rest of this section of county, we suppose, is sweltering at present in the heat of the tineties, and our people are vainly sighing for a cool Manitoba wave. A fine breeze however is blowing to-day and we hope the "hot" spell is over for the present.

Most of our citizens spent the glorious Fourth (or 5th) in Ottawa and "took in" all the sports and fireworks. There is a slight difference of opinion as to the success of the celebration, but nearly everyone thinks it might be improved upon in a great many particulars.

Messrs. Bart W. Stadden, P. W. Lilly, and William Pettis, of Chicago, came down Sunday evening and spent Sunday among friends and acquaintances in Dayton, and "took in" the celebration at Ottawa on Monday.

Misses, Cora and Winnie Childs of Morris, spent last Sunday in Dayton. Mr. Charles Park of Shabbona, Ill., is visiting at Mr. Charles Green's.

Mrs. Wm. McMullen of Clinton, Iowa, is spending the summer at her mother's Mrs. David Green.

Mr. Jessie Makinson celebrated with his best girl in Indiana, on the 4th and 5th.

Mr. James Ryan ate his Fourth of July spring chicken in Chicago.

A few of our citizens held a pleasant picnic near Barnes fish pond last Sunday.

Our public schools closed last Friday, and the teachers, Messrs. Crane and Miller, are spending their vacation at their homes in Ottawa.

Miss Jennie Dunavan left town on the 7:40 train Friday morning for a brief visit among relations in Michigan. During her absence, her position as organist in the S. S. will be taken by Miss Cora Moore.

The Brick Co. are loading a boat with brick for King & Hamilton of Ottawa, we understand they have bought 150,000 brick. The Brick Co. has just put in a Penfield Brick and Tile machine, and will make fire brick, sidewalk brick, &c.

The Paper Co. are turning out about six tons of straw wrapping paper per 24 hours.

Prof. Jenkins of Mendota tried his luck at fishing here, a few days last week.

There are few camping and fishing parties along the river here at present.

H. B. Williams, Esq., has been painting and repairing his tenant houses in Dayton this spring, and greatly improved their appearance. The paper will also received a coat of paint which makes it look quite respectable.

Mr. Henry Hewit who was called to his home in Wisconsin by telegraph, a short time ago stating that his mother was quite ill, has not returned yet. OCCASIONAL.

Although our store keepers at home have lately made greater efforts than heretofore in showing a better assortment of Dress Goods and Staple Dry Goods, it must, however be admitted that in certain branches, such as Millinery, Ladies' and Children's Ready-made Suits, Wraps, &c., only a Chicago House like the great Bee Hive Store, opposite the Palmer House, can fill the wants of fastidious ladies.

From Ransom.

RANSOM, JULY 8, 1886.—The largest crowd that ever was in Ransom, came to town Saturday to celebrate, the exercises being shortly after one o'clock, by a magnificent parade headed by assistant marshal Givekey, then came the Ransom band keeping step to the inspiring strains of "See the conquering hero come" and "Hail to the Chief," followed by a crowd of the "rising generation" who showed their patriotism by hurrahing, and using the glorious fire crackers. W. E. Jackson read the Declaration of Independence and Dr. McCoy delivered an oration. The choice feature of the programme was the balloon ascension by Prof. Ward. He performed many daring feats on the trapeze, but on account of the balloon taking fire he was forced to come down sooner than he intended to. The foot race, wheel barrow race, and catching the greasy pig furnished fun for the boys. The fire works and dancing were first class.

Miss Katie O'Mara will teach in District No. 1 this fall.

A delegation of democrats, politicians from Ottawa, was in town last week.

The music of the sickles is heard every day.

Mr. Thos. Steven and wife, of Morris, were in town Saturday.

Ransom is to have a city park. So says the city dads.

Patriotism ran high this year, as most of the young folks celebrated on the third and fourth h.

The Bee Hive Dry Goods Store is known in Chicago as the busiest store in that great city.

Although Millinery is their leading feature they have increased their stocks of regular Dry Goods, such as Dress Goods, Silks, Linens, and more especially Carpets and Upholstery Goods, to such an extent that we deem it our duty to call this fact to the attention of such of our readers as contemplate visiting Chicago this Spring.

It may also be remembered that the proprietors of the Bee Hive will pay particular attention to any Mail Orders.

From Wallace.

WALLACE, JULY 7, 1886.—We have good weather here, and roads are in excellent condition.

The schools are closed, and the teachers out for vacation.

All the young people spent their Fourth in Ottawa.

Dancing is all the go here. The dance at James Burk's on last Saturday night was an entire success and a good time had by all who attended, while the dance at D. Connell's was also a success.

James Donohue is freely distributing the cigars. No wonder: it is a ten pound girl.

Johnnie Pillion, son of Judge Pillion, of this town, while on his returning home from town on the Fourth, met with quite a severe accident, and runaway, his team became unmanageable and running for three miles when they ran into a team and buggy which it met on the road, upsetting the buggy and severely injuring its occupants.

The party of young people that went fishing Wednesday evening had an entire success, and a number of fish were caught by all.

W. Madden met with quite a severe accident on Monday evening while crossing the Buck Creek bridge with a horse and cart. The horse became unmanageable and upset the cart, throwing its occupants into the creek some twenty feet below.

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Public notice is hereby given, that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Ottawa, B. & E. Flint Glass Company on Tuesday, the 5th day of July, A. D. 1886, at 4 o'clock P. M., at the office of Clarence Griggs, Esq., in Ottawa, Illinois, for the purpose of electing directors of said corporation.
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